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Re: Referral of Records (III) USDA FOIA Request 2017-OSEC-06678-F

Dear FOIA Officer:

Please refer to the attached Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Department FOIA Office (DFO) from Margaret Townsend of the Center for Biological Diversity.

During the course of the DFO's search for responsive records and review conducted to date, we located a significant body of records that originated with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Pursuant to USDA regulation 7 C.F.R. § 1.7(b), the DFO is referring the attached records to your office for a review and release determination. The DFO has advised the requester that your office will respond directly regarding these records.

The records referred with this letter constitute the responsive EPA records found during the review for the DFO's interim release number eight, for a total of one hundred fifty-five (155) pages. Any USDA equities within are clear for release. **This is our third referral for this request.**

The search for responsive records is ongoing, and at this stage we anticipate we will refer records to you on a bi-weekly basis until the entire body of responsive records has been reviewed.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Cheryl Kluwe at 202-694-5982 or electronically at Cheryl.Kluwe@ocio.usda.gov or USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Policy, E-Government and Fair Information Practices
Enclosure (EPA Records – 155 pages)